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Fort Mill High Wins National Recognition

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that Fort Mill High School has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as one of the country's leading high schools in preparing students for college and careers.

“Fort Mill High promotes high standards for all its students and teachers and gets excellent results,” said Spratt. “I am delighted they were tapped for national recognition. They deserve it.”

The school was among a select group of exceptional schools around the country named as a “New American High School” by the Department of Education. New American High Schools are schools where all students are expected to meet both challenging academic standards and acquire the communication, problem-solving, computer, and technical skills necessary to pursue college and careers.

Fort Mill High School, which enrolls 1,358 students, has the lowest dropout rate in the state (1.7%), and a daily attendance rate of 96.5%. Over 70% of the school's students take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and have shown continuous improvement in their scores. The average SAT score is 1066. Seven students have scored in excess of 1400, and four have had perfect scores on the verbal section. In addition, in 1998, the school's pass rate on Advanced Placement exams was ranked first in South Carolina.

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